


This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf of a book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some minor discoloration and small dark spots, possibly due to age or handling. The left edge of the page is bound, showing stitching or staples. The overall tone is warm and off-white.

The purpose of this commission is to express to you in plain English the conditions and conditions of the war, and to let you know what the government is doing for you, and what you can do for the government. It is the duty of every citizen to know the conditions of the war, and to let the government know what you can do for it.

Since the war began, its agents have constantly been with the army, laboring to improve the condition of camps and hospitals in all possible ways, to prevent disease, and to supply the wants and relieve the suffering of the sick soldier. We have had frequent occasions to refer in terms of commendation to the good work accomplished by both the Kentucky branch of the organization and the general agents of the Commission who have been stationed in our State.

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From funds contributed by the General Commission a new "Soldier's Home" has been opened up adjoining the Nashville depot—a most admirable institution, well worthy the inspection of our citizens.

The Commission has also been fitted up for the transport of the sick, both on the Nashville and Lexington railroads, by which numbers have been brought, and are being brought, to the city far more comfortably than they otherwise could be.

Immediately subsequent to the battle of Perryville, a corps of agents and over forty tons of hospital stores were sent by the Commission to Perryville and Danville, and were of inestimable value in the care of the sick and wounded.

Within the last few days the Commission have forwarded fifteen agents and about one thousand boxes of most valuable hospital supplies (including over one hundred cases of concentrated beef and over five thousand pounds of concentrated milk) to Nashville for the wounded in the late battle. These, with the supplies before sent to the depot of the Commission in Nashville, and the large amount forwarded by the Medical Director here, will render any great destitution among the sufferers at Murfreesboro impossible.

Other portions of the department are equally well cared for. There are now over fifty agents of the Sanitary Commission engaged in distributing the bounty of the great army of patriotic women who at the home firesides are busily working for that other great army composed of their brothers, husbands, sons, and lovers in the field.

In Western Virginia, in Kentucky, in Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, in Arkansas, and with the Mississippi fleet, and even in far-off Kansas, the agents of the Commission are stationed, doing their work of love and duty. Depots of hospital stores are established in all of these agents at Wheeling, Gallatin, Dunville, Perryville, Bowling Green, Columbus, Ky., Cairo, Memphis, Helena, New Orleans, and many other points.

To supply these depots with stores, and to transport such when necessary, a steamer is kept running in the service of the Commission. She is now on her way from Memphis to Vicksburg, with over 1,000 boxes of stores, surgeons, and nurses going to relieve the sufferers in the late and impending battles there.

From a large number of testimonials to the efficiency and usefulness of the Sanitary Commission, we publish the following:

Medical Director's Office,
DANVILLE, KY., Dec. 20, 1862.

Dr. J. S. Newberry, Corresponding Secretary, Sanitary Commission, Louisville, Ky.:—Permit me through you to acknowledge my obligations to the United States Sanitary Commission for the very efficient aid rendered me in furnishing supplies for the sick and wounded soldiers, and for the charge at a time when they could not be obtained from any other source.

From the hospital store first established in this district we were almost entirely destitute of hospital and medical supplies, including everything necessary for the care of the sick. With an unusually large number of sick and wounded on our hands, we were compelled to resort to other means of procuring the necessities of our patients.

The condition of things was immediately relieved by the Medical Director in Louisville, and that relief was followed by the arrival of the supplies which were sent to the depot of the Commission, and were not received until long after those arrived that were sent by the Sanitary Commission.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Evening Dispatches.

The Iron-Clad Passaic & Montauk Safe.

One of the Iron-Clad Batteries a Success.

Movement of Rebel Troops at Fredericksburg.

Active Military Movements in N. Carolina.

General Foster Heavily Reinforced.

Communication Severed Between the Rebel States.

Flotillas in Beaufort & Newbern Harbors.

The Troops in Good Condition and Ready for Action.

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RAILROADS.

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Reopened.

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PENNsylvania.

Central Railroad.

325 Miles Double Track.

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